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More Ballots Being Counted

The Director of the Division of Elections, Gail Fenumiai, announced today that the Division of Elections has completed a large portion of the review of absentee and early voters' names against the registry of those voting at the polls on Election Day and will be ready to count a substantial number of outstanding ballots on Wednesday, November 12th.

The division did not count any absentee ballots election night because of the need to cross-check the names of absentee and early voters against the precinct registers to ensure the principal of one-person, one-vote.

To date, the division has over 70,000 outstanding absentee and early votes to count statewide. By law, the division has until November 19th to review and count these ballots. With the review of a large portion of these outstanding ballots being complete, the division feels it is in the best interest of the public, political parties and candidates to count ballots early.

The ballots being counted on Wednesday, November 12th will include the outstanding absentee and early ballots received through November 4th in those districts where the voter history has been done and the cross-checking of names done. The division anticipates that approximately 50,000 ballots statewide will be counted on November 12th.